

Society

Fashions and Fads

Gowns and Their Wearers.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson wore at one of her recent at-home a charming gown of electric blue chiffon and lace, the latter a heavy, coarse-woven pattern of French lace, dyed the same color as the chiffon. The gown is brightened by elaborate trimming of gold embroidery and blue crystal passementerie. The bodice is fashioned of both chiffon and lace and has a wedge-shaped opening down the center edged on either side by gold gimp and large blue crystal buttons, which form a frame for an ornament of gold and blue tinsel embroidery, with threads of oriental colorings intermingled.

There is a daring Medici collar of lace edged with a blue crystal beading, with large blue stones at intervals, which runs around the neck and down the front, where the ruche is attached to the bodice the opening at the throat being a generous V. The lace sleeves are on the order of the so-called angel sleeves. The skirt is moderately short and quite full, and is of chiffon with lace pleated panels.

Mrs. Wilson wears with this gown a beautiful pendant, an aquamarine on a slender gold chain, the gift of her brother on the occasion of her marriage to the President. Mrs. Wilson, by the way, says she thinks this gift is pretty enough to be quite sufficient as a souvenir of that happy occasion, but her brother has still another he wishes to give her, and that is a large scrap book which is to include accounts of the wedding as clipped from all the large and important newspapers.

Miss Rones wears a lovely evening dress of light blue taffeta brocaded with silver. It is made of panner, with apron drape, very front and back, which displays at the sides two flounces of silver lace, one at the hips and the one below at the knees. Below these flounces there is a petticoat of white net, frilled and edged with fur.

The bodice is a surprise model with an embroidery emplacement where the surplus folds form a V, and the elbow sleeves are of silver lace.

Miss Burlington wears an effective dress of black tulle and satin, the skirt being of the tulle, which is made with a Black Tulle and Satin Dancing Dress, made with a knee-length, falling in tunic. The bodice is a loose-fitting moosey model, reaching well over the hips, with tulle under sleeves, and the V-neck finished with a lovely collar of rose point lace.

Mrs. Hamlin has a most attractive gown of American beauty color satin effectively combined with mauve velvet. The style of the gown is the one so often seen this season, the skirt of satin modestly draped and the bodice of chiffon of the same shade combined with cream lace. The lace in this instance is used to form a trimming down each side of the front, which extends around the figure, under the arms and up the back. There is a wide crushed girdle of mauve velvet, fastened at the left side with a large bow. Mrs. Hamlin wore with this gown while presiding at a tea, the other afternoon a black hat, sailor in shape, trimmed with roses.

Mrs. Hampton Gary, wife of the assistant solicitor of the State Department, looks charming in a rose-colored faille, with a pleated skirt and a draped bodice, the upper part of the bodice being banded across the figure with a narrow edge of beaver. The sleeves are of rose-colored chiffon, banded with beaver, and her hat to correspond with the gown is a black velvet, round French sailor, with lace trim and a cluster of roses. Mrs. Gary is very fond of rose color and frequently wears a scarf of rose tulle with contrasting shades of gowns.

Miss Amariya Gillett has an afternoon gown that in coloring and ornamentation is most attractive. It is of soft gray chiffon, and the ornamentation, the simplest, just a bit of embroidery down the front of the blouse carried out in cut steel beads. The head embroidery extends down each side of the bodice, edging a little vestee of cream lace, a strap of embroidered chiffon crossing the vest at the bust. A broad band of brown fox, about four inches wide, edges the full skirt, which falls in long lines from the waist, where it is shirred on the belt to the full hand at the hem.

Miss Margaret Perin, out for a promenade, wears a long broadtail coat and soft silk beaver. Miss Perin's Smart hat, a sport hat, is a tall, round crown and short rolling rim, which the wearer turns down in front over her face and up in the back. Miss Perin is fond of this comfortable little hat and also wears it with her new spring sport suit of green and wood brown. The skirt is a half inch check of willow green, and soft wood brown, and the coat, a Norfolk jacket of willow green, with inverted pleats extending to the waist, and a plain close fitting skirt to the coat from there down, fitting snugly over the hips.

Of course there is a narrow cloth belt and patch pockets in front. The plain skirt reaches just to the shoe tops, which have gray cloth uppers, or are covered with spots of that shade.

Mrs. Thompson, wife of the Senator from Kansas, is wearing a distinctive afternoon frock. In Brown and Black of brown and black-striped taffeta and chiffon. The skirt is made with a full under skirt of taffeta, edged with a broad, pointed tunic of the same material, bound in black. The bodice is of brown chiffon, made with a V-neck and heavily embroidered in French blue and brown.

The long, tight sleeves of chiffon are also heavily embroidered, and the French blue is repeated in a pointed taffeta girdle of the same beautiful shade.

ACTIVE IN SOCIETY CIRCLES.



MISS LIDA HOWARD
Daughter of Mrs. W. H. Howard.

Dinner Parties Last Night.

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Lansing were the hostess at a dinner given by the Japanese ambassador and Viscountess Chinda last night.

The guests included the Chinese minister and Mrs. Koo, Senator and Mrs. Saulsbury, Mrs. William Alden Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Hamlin, the assistant secretary of state and Mrs. John E. O'Connor, Surgeon General Rupert Blue, Medical Director and Mrs. Francis S. Nash, Miss Patten, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crane, Dr. Teusler, Mr. Henry Coleman May, the second secretary of the Japanese embassy and Mme. Matsuko and Col. Tami.

Commander and Mrs. E. H. Tillman entertained at dinner last evening in honor of the Brazilian ambassador and Mme. da Gama. Their guests included the Postmaster General and Mrs. Burdett, the Swiss minister and Mme. Ritter, Dr. and Mrs. David Jayne Hill, Mr. and Mrs. William Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. William Littauer, Mrs. Lloyd Bowers, Col. Charles Page Bryan, Miss Wells and Mr. Raymond Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell entertained a party of sixteen at dinner at the club last night in honor of their son, Mr. Robert Bell, who is home from college for a visit.

The guests included a number of classmates of Mr. Bell, who returned with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson Gibson entertained at dinner last night in honor of the director of the mint and Mrs. Robert Wickliffe Woolley.

At Home Today.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Mosher, formerly of this city, are keeping open house today at their home, Oak Lodge, Wildercrest, Prince Georges county, Md. The engagement of their daughter Miriam and Mr. Tarleton Smith Bean of Washington, D. C., has been announced, and the occasion is also Miss Mosher's birthday anniversary.

Mr. Bean and Miss Mosher attended the McKinley Manual Training School. The wedding will take place next winter.

Fort Myer Notes.

The Card Club met at Mrs. George L. Thurber's quarters Tuesday.

Miss Martens of White Plains, N. Y., is visiting Lieut. and Mrs. Philip L. Thurber.

Lieut. Bethel Simpson and Miss Simpson are away on a short leave.

Lieut. Milliken, 5th United States Cavalry, who was hurt by a polo pony while on the trip south, was unable to go with his regiment to the border.

To Sing at the White House.

Miss Maude Fay, a well known opera singer, who has been heard in many of the great opera houses abroad and at the Metropolitan in New York, has been invited to sing at the concert at the White House, Tuesday evening.

Brewer—Caldwell.

Mrs. Andrew James Caldwell announces the engagement of her daughter, Rosalind Deering, and Mr. John Brewer of Rockville, Md. The wedding will take place in June.

Personals.

Mrs. Julius Peyser has returned to town from a week's stay in Atlantic City.

Mrs. Fannie Baer, accompanied by her son, Mr. Milton Baer, is in Tampa, Fla., visiting the former's daughters, Mrs. Ernest Maas and Mrs. Morris Wolf.

The Thursday Afternoon Embroidery Circle was held last evening at luncheon by Mrs. Charles A. Goldsmith at her home, on Lanier place.

Mrs. Albert Sigmund left for Norfolk, Va., last night, to spend a week with her cousin, Mrs. William Frank.

The Friday Bridge Club was entertained at dinner last evening in honor of the guest of Mrs. Joseph Strasburger for several weeks, leaves for Richmond, Va., tomorrow for a visit before returning to her home.

Mrs. Victor Strasburger, who has been spending the past two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Robert Meyer, left for her home in Norfolk, Va., last night.

Mrs. Samuel Kornicker of New York was the week-end guest of her mother, Mrs. Nathan Kahn.

Mrs. Aaron Jackson was hostess Thursday at a luncheon and bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Franc have returned from a ten-day stay in Newark, N. J., where they were guests of Mrs. Franc's father, Rev. Dr. Leucht.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Kann returned Tuesday from New York and Atlantic City.

Mrs. Addie Sigmund is the week-end guest of relatives in Baltimore.

Mrs. George Friedlander is in New York, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Ahrens.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Strauss have returned from Atlantic City.

Mrs. Mark Blum has gone to Tallahassee, Fla., on a visit to relatives.

Mrs. Philip Gotthelf, who was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Mark Blum, has returned to her home in New York.

The Wednesday afternoon Bridge Club was entertained this week at a luncheon and bridge by Mrs. Samuel Fischer, at her home on Clifton street.

Mrs. George Kent Shuler has returned from a visit to Mrs. Leonard Weinberg in Baltimore.

Mr. Louis Newmyer, accompanied by his son, Mr. Alvin Newmyer, is spending several days in New York.

Mrs. William Garner of Newport News, Va., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Philip Peyser of the Stafford.

Mrs. Edgar Wertheimer and son, Master Edgar Wertheimer, and Miss Goldie Garner of Newport News, Va., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Chase in Chevy Chase.

Miss Babette Felthimer, who has been visiting Miss Hortense Brylawski, returned to her home in Chicago on Friday.

Mrs. Samuel S. Kalisher entertained the Wednesday Afternoon Sewing Circle this week at her home on Harvard street.

Miss Ruth Rice of Baltimore gave a house party during the past week. She entertained at a St. Patrick's luncheon, followed by a box party, in honor of her guests, Misses Edna Smith and Mabel Tucker of this city.

Home From College.

Miss Dorothy Allen of Wellesley College is spending her vacation with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Allen.

Gossip of Society.

An interesting story is being told about, rather in connection with, Miss Mabel Boardman, Mrs. William R. Harr, a member of the Congressional Club, had a visitor recently who hailed from an obscure town in the west. Mrs. Harr, as all Washingtonians do when friends come to town, took her visitor sightseeing. Among other things seen were some of the many handsome homes of the capital. As they drove around the corner of 15th and P streets Mrs. Harr turned to her friend and said:

"This is where Mabel Boardman lives."

The visitor, Mrs. Harr says, opened her eyes, likewise her mouth, and with a gasp, said:

"Oh, do you know her well enough to call her by her first name?"

It was explained to the visitor that many persons in Washington feel that they may call Miss Boardman by her first name, so much respect Mrs. Harr told her friend, is felt for this untiring worker in the cause of humanity.

When one woman shook hands with President and Mrs. Wilson at the White House musical the other night, she found that she had finished a round of handshaking with Presidents which has extended to every one of them since the time when Mr. Pierce was President. She is Mrs. Silas Casey, the widow of Rear Admiral Casey, U. S. N.

"The Highlands," the old Nourse house, opposite Friendship, where Dolly Madison used to frequently visit, is about to bloom forth in its spring beauty, and the big box bushes, planted from little sprigs of box given by Miss Nourse by President Thomas Jefferson, are beginning to show the tender green of new shoots.

The wistaria, by the way, at Highlands is probably the finest in the District, and while it is in bloom it is like mushrooms pop up from all quarters, and it is no new experience for the family to see a blue and white flower come across their easels anywhere about the grounds, where a good look at the wonderful purple blossomed vine may be seen. At a spring exhibit at the Corcoran Art Gallery one year, there were no less than three pictures of the back gallery of the Highlands, glorified by the wistaria.

Mrs. Delos Blodgett, away on a trip to the sunny south, did not let her friends forget her, for from her orange grove in Florida big boxes filled with oranges have found their way back to Washington, and many a breakfast table has for its chief topic of conversation the sweetness of Mrs. Blodgett's oranges and her kindness in sending them. Mrs. Blodgett is, by the way, one of those who are following the now fashionable fad of gardening or near gardening. She has room only for a tiny garden here, and what space there is to be taken by the loveliest of garden furniture, she shares with them their charming little outdoor room.

Mrs. Champ Clark, wife of the Speaker, has set the pace for wives of other congressmen during the present interesting debates going on in the House of Representatives by coming prepared to listen to the speeches without interruption or any danger of losing a good seat in the gallery by going out to luncheon. The ladies do not go down to the restaurant, they get hungry, but send for the waiters to bring them something, or else they prepare themselves before leaving home, and swap tidbits with each other, just as do girls at school at the lunch hour.

Also they take their tanning, for he it known tanning has taken the place of knitting this season, and, moreover, it is for home consumption and not for any of the war sufferers.

Notes of Interest.

Mrs. Arthur Dixon of Capitol Hill is on an extended trip to the eastern shore of Maryland, the guest of Miss Florence Revell, Princess Anne, Md.

Col. and Mrs. S. A. Wolf have returned from Florida and are staying at the Cairo.

Miss Lucy Fagin of New York has arrived in Washington, where she will remain until next Thursday. Miss Fagin came to the city for the purpose of presenting an afternoon of lyrics and stories before the members of the Congressional Club last Friday afternoon. Miss Fagin's numbers were drawn from the works of Mark Twain, Theodora Garrison, Kipling, Anthony Hope and E. C. Stedman. A year ago Miss Fagin gave a number of dramatic readings at the home of Mrs. Charles Richardson, where a benefit recital was given for the Y. W. C. A., this being her last public appearance in Washington before her departure for New York.

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